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“No One Does More For Veterans”



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VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2016

For generations, the men and women of America's armed forces have demonstrated their willingness to put country before self ... patriots who serve for the greater good ... who don't seek glory or recognition or personal gain. And this day, we honor them. This day is their day.

Our nation honors the contributions and sacrifices of the nearly 22 million veterans living today, and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of liberty and justice.

History has provided us with extraordinary examples of their selfless deeds. Our service members have emancipated nations ... lifted cloaks of oppression and desperation ... vanquished cruelty and broken the shackles of tyranny. They have brought hope, faith and liberty to millions of people around the world, but the number of people who have benefitted cannot be calculated. It suffices to say the number of erected memorials or speeches delivered doesn't begin to represent the true scope of service our nations' veterans have provided.

In times of danger and in times of peace, it is the selflessness and dedication of the American veteran that has continued to secure the freedoms upon which this great country was founded. And this relatively small group of individuals does not ask for anything from us in return, except for the opportunity to live with dignity and respect.

Your presence here this day demonstrates your acknowledgement and gratitude for the generations of military men and women that have served to ensure freedom can endure.

It is our veterans that have protected American values and ideals. It is our veterans who possess quiet, resilient strength of character and faultless loyalty, honor and integrity – traits learned and carried

while performing their duties as soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and coast guardsmen.

This day holds great historic and patriotic significance. The debt owed to the defenders of this great nation is ever present and it is imperative that on this day we take the opportunity to keep alive the memories, sacrifices and accomplishments of our nation's veterans ... and it should be a day that we give appropriate thanks and recognition to those who have earned it.

This day is not a day for veterans alone. It's a day for all Americans to be a part of, because we all have a role to play in protecting liberty and freedom. Service members alone should not have to go at it without the support of a grateful nation ... and your presence here this day provides meaningful proof that you appreciate the fact that the freedom we enjoy today is not free.

Every citizen – has a role to play in carrying the legacy and burden of freedom. And each citizen must work to ensure that America fulfills its promise to provide our veterans with the benefits and entitlements they've earned and deserve.

We **must be willing** to pick them up when they are down, help point the way to a new life when they return home, and carry them when they are weary. **We are obligated to do no less** and we are honor-bound to do so.

Let us offer a prayer of thanks to those who are serving far away from family and friends. And let us cherish our many freedoms for the extraordinary gifts they are.

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America. Let us never Forget!

VFW Posts & Auxiliaries You can apply for a Post/VFW Auxiliary Community Support Grant

Receive up to \$1,000
To make your Community a Better Place

The National VFW Foundation wants to help your Post get more involved in your community. That's why they have established a “*VFW Foundation Post/VFW Auxiliary Support Grant*” open to VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries.

The VFW Foundation will provide up to \$1,000 to a Post and/or VFW Auxiliary supporting local nonprofits or performing an important outreach in their community or enhancements to Post buildings for this purpose!

The application process is simple:

•A VFW Post and/or VFW Auxiliary can apply using the “*VFW Foundation Post/VFW Auxiliary Community Support Grant*” application available on the National VFW web site www.vfw.org. The application must be signed and authorized by the head of your organization (Post Commander or VFW Auxiliary President) so that he/she is knowledgeable and supportive of the request.

•After the application is submitted, the applicant will receive notification from the VFW Foundation within thirty (30) calendar days of a decision. If the project has been approved, a check or notification of ACH from the VFW Foundation will be included with the decision letter.

•**A Post and/or VFW Auxiliary that receives grant funding must complete a Final Report** (also provided by the VFW Foundation in the award letter) along with proof of expenditures in the

form of receipts, invoice copies or copies of check(s) that verify spending for their project.

•VFW Foundation grant funds must be expended within nine (9) months of the award date which coincides with the time frame expected for a project completion. A report detailing how the funds were spent must be received by the VFW Foundation no later than July 1, 2017.

•Grant funds cannot be used to promote activities that will benefit a particular religion, race or any other cause that would seek to exclude or discriminate, or to provide assistance only to members of such religion, race or group.

•Grant funds may not be used in any capacity for canteen/bar enhancements, repairs or operation expenses.

•Grant funds cannot be made available to any government entity or their agencies (local, state or federal) with the exception of public schools, and local law enforcement and first responder units. Grant funds can only be used for activities associated for direct outreach. Funds cannot be requested to support political viewpoints, candidates or legislative/bal-lot/legal issues.

•A VFW Post and/or VFW Auxiliary can only apply once per fiscal year (VFW Foundation fiscal year begins and ends on September 1) for this grant. Only VFW Posts & VFW Auxiliaries that are in good standing are eligible to apply.

In Memoriam

Past Department President
Jo Ann Sparks 1992-1993
VFW Auxiliary #1

Passed away 9/30/2016

The Brightest Star in the Sky
Rest in Peace, You will be missed



2016 - 2017 District Meeting Schedules

NO.	DATE	NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS LOCATION	TIME	REPRESENTATIVE
3	11/06/16 Sunday	Post No. 1771 Lafayette	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Peter Buchanan Kathy Carlson
4	11/13/16 Sunday	Post No. 8064 Akron	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Dave Stone Linda Reinpold
5	11/13/16 Sunday	Post No. 3917 Security	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Memorial Srv Meeting to follow	George Snyder Kathy Carlson
6	11/6/16 Sunday	Post No. 336 Ordway	12:30 PM	Ed Aitken Sabrina Feagaia
7	11/13/16 Sunday	Post No. 8121 Del Nrt/So Fork	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm meeting	Robert Kidd Rosie Mitchell
10	11/13/16 Sunday	Post No. 3631 Aurora	12:00 noon Meeting 1:00 PM Jnt Mtg Meeting to Follow	Bruce Dolan Caroline Gelatt
11	11/06/16 Sunday	Post No. 3981 Grand Junction	10:00 am Registration 11:00 am Joint 12:00 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Dave Stone Linda Reinpold
13	11/13/16 Sunday	Post No. 3411 Kit Carson	2:00 PM Meeting Snack to follow	Steve Kjonaas Ginny Rosa

*****Workshop and COA Nov 19 - 20 Hotel Elegante Colorado Springs
 *****Stand Down Denver Nov 03
 *****Western Conference Nov 03 – 06 Honolulu, HI
 *****Denver Veterans Day Parade Nov 05
 *****Thanksgiving Nov 24 (Office closed Thursday and Friday)

DECEMBER 2016 DISTRICT MEETING

1	12/10/16 Saturday	Post No. 1 Denver	10:00 am Jnt Meeting 11:00 am Lunch Meeting to follow	Caroline Gelatt
9	10/10/2016 Saturday	Post 4265 Craig	12:00 noon Meeting to follow	

*****FOUNDERS DAY Dec 06 Denver

JANUARY 2017 DISTRICT MEETINGS

1	1/14/17 Saturday	Post No. 501 Denver	10:00 am Jnt Mtg 11:00 am Lunch Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen Meeting to follow	
2	1/14//17 Saturday	Post No. 5812 Pueblo West	12 noon Lunch Meeting to follow	Robert Kidd Linda Reinpold
3	1/08/17 Sunday	Post No. 41 Loveland	12:00 noon Lunch Voice of Democracy Patriot's Pen & Teacher Awards Meeting to follow	Dee Chappell-Haley
4	1/15/17 Sunday	Post No. 3541 Sterling	12:00 noon Lunch Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Meeting to follow	Steve Kjonaas Shelly Schlieman
10	1/15/17 Sunday	Post No. 7945 Thornton	12:00 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Jnt Mtg Meeting to follow	David Stone Linda Reinpold
13	1/15/17 Sunday	Post No. 9700 Cheyenne Wells	2:00 pm meeting Snack to follow	Jim Lafferty Caroline Gelatt

January 20-21-22, 2017 Voice of Democracy weekend and Banquet
Security #3917

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Kansas City, MO 64111

Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour Schedule

Nov 6	Aurora VFW #3631	Aurora
13	Longs Peak VFW #2601	Longmont
20	Joseph J Jacques VFW #7945	Thornton
27	Dean K Phillips VFW #5061	Denver
Dec 6	Grand MOC & MOCA	Denver
11	Pat Hannon VFW #4666	Denver
20	Verle Huffiman VFW #9644	Sheridan
27	Paul A Westover VFW #3471	Morrison
Jan 1	Arvada VFW #4331	Arvada
8	Francis Brown Lowry #501	Denver
15	So Denver #2461	Denver
22	John S Stewart VFW #1	Denver
29	Englewood VFW #322	Englewood
Feb 5	John S Stewart VFW #1	Denver
12	Broomfield VFW #9565	Broomfield
19	Mile High VFW #1771	Lafayette
26	Joseph J Jacques #7945	Thornton

Please plan to bring 3 dozen doughnuts and some sugar free goodies, like cookies, croissants or bagels with cream cheese. Bring enough for both services. Coffee will be supplied to the Hosts, and you may bring juice or fruits if you wish.

Protestant service begins at 9:00 AM. Please meet in the Chapel at 8:30 for assignments of volunteers to escort from the Community Living Center. If you are unable to keep your assigned date, please work out a trade and then call, Betty Melsen at 303-237-6646 or Juanita Bowen 303-935-4271 IN ADVANCE so they are aware of any changes.

Please contact Betty Melsen if your VFW and Auxiliary would volunteer for Chapel Escort and Coffee Hour, VA Bingo Parties, or VA Birthday Parties. She is needing to fill vacancies left by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries that are unable to have enough volunteers to continue.

Colorado VFW Foundation

Thank you to the VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, family members and friends for your donations. Every donation received makes a difference in the lives of Colorado's Veterans and their families.

We are now accepting and processing applications for Eligible Veterans and their Families in the State of Colorado. With the trends in employment and housing we anticipate the available funds will not last the full FY 2016-2017. We are anticipating the funds will be spent before the end of the year. Between August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 we have expended \$23,295.50 in assistance to 50 Veterans and their Families with Rent, Utilities, and Vehicle Repairs etc.... If the trend continues once the cold weather hits, we will be out of funds before the 1st of the year.

Any eligible Veteran in need of assistance across the State of Colorado can apply for a one time Grant of \$500. We receive referrals from VA Social workers, Veterans Service Officers, and other

non-profit organizations. In the event the need is greater than the assistance that can be provided, the veteran will be referred to outside resources for: additional assistance to prevent eviction/ or loss of shelter, help with employment/interviewing/resume writing. Veterans will also be referred to our Veterans Service Officers for help with VA Claims and Benefits or, to their Local Human Services Agencies for any additional state assistance as they may qualify for.

The Grant Application is available on the Department Website to download; follow the requirements and submit the application to our office.

We are asking you our members and your family and friends to donate to the Colorado VFW Foundation. Make your checks payable to Colorado VFW Foundation and mail to 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80214.

Colorado VFW Foundation
Board of Directors

Please don't forget to vote
November 8, 2016

POST & AUXILIARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR WILL BE MOVING.

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ VFW POST NO. _____

NOTE: YOUR RETURN ADDRESS IS ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS NOTICE.

MAIL TO: DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO VFW,
1400 CARR ST., LAKEWOOD, CO 80214

THANK YOU
EDITOR

Commander's Column Allan Stone



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Phyllis and I appreciate all of the cards, prayers and show of concern from the Department of Colo-

rado Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliaries during my two hospitalizations. Your cards helped me through many difficult times.

At the 117th Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention held in Charlotte, North Carolina in July, it was voted to remove the section of its Bylaws that allows the formation of Men's Auxiliaries. As of January 1, 2017, there will no longer be any Men's Auxiliaries. It is the hope that the men, if they are eligible, will join the VFW Auxiliary.

Many have asked about Men's Auxiliary members transferring to the VFW Auxiliary and/or why they have to show eligibility. A former Men's Auxiliary member cannot transfer to the VFW Auxiliary. They belonged to a state-run organization under their Department that was in no way affiliated with the VFW Aux-

iliary. According to our Bylaws, all new members (regardless of past membership in any other organization) complete an application, show proof of eligibility (unless eligibility is under a member of that Post), pay dues and be voted on. If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters.

My theme this year is "What Have You Done For A Veteran, Today?". If you see someone walking down the street and they have a cap or shirt that says they are a veteran, shake their hand and thank them for their service. Also, if there is a shut-in at your post, call them and offer to take them to pick-up their drugs or run an errand for them.

I plan to attend the Council of Administration in Colorado Springs on the 19th and 20th of November and look forward to seeing you there. Let's all work together to help and support veterans!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Allan P. Stone
State Commander

Jr. Vice Column Steve Kjonaas



Comrades, what an honor it is has been so far to serve as the Jr. Vice Cmdr. Speaking and working with you, your family, those at the National HQ, and my fel-

low State Jr. Vice Cmdrs from around the world has brought results and solutions to our most pressing needs. Moreover, having fun and experiencing the relief I see on faces across Colorado as we push forward serving Veterans is a wonderful experience.

Two programs to which are near to all of us are Veteran Homelessness and Student Veterans. Student Veterans is an across the VFW effort in close collaboration with the Student Veterans of America and the American Legion. Our goals are big! Namely, to ensure Veterans succeed in their postsecondary education, secure gainful employment, and grow as leaders in the Veterans community. Your maturity and experience is a section of the unbroken circle that makes the Veteran community strong and a good fit for Student Veterans.

The idea that you can help is unmistakable, your strength in ideas, advocacy, mentorship, service initiatives, will build relationships upon the very segment of Veterans who need you the most, Student Veterans. Everywhere you talk with Student Veterans you hear one theme all the time, they have one goal, and that is to graduate while paying bills, sustaining

friendships and family, while seeking new comradeships. You are the perfect candidate to help guide them, one who has been through the trenches, the lows, and the terribly heartbreaking moments of transitioning to civilian life. Our young need you.

Imagine for a moment, right after coming off your last deployment, you left the military, and a few short weeks later you are sitting in a college classroom with 18-year-old students who just graduated High School. The stresses that only begin with 18 year olds calling you the "Old Man" plus as you are trying to fit in a new environment where just last month you were carrying a M-4 or a LMG (a SAW for you older G.I.'s) in a village in northern Iraq taking fire. The Student Veteran needs your mentorship, strength, and maturity to succeed towards a future that places him or her out in front; to create a world where our nation's strength is preserved, yet where the collective maturity gained from battle has tempered the rash decisions that can lead to devastation.

The young Veteran needs your help and it can be so simple. Invite your local University and or College Student Veteran Organization to your Post's activities. Invite them to come in from the cold for a cup of coffee. Offer the Post as a sanctuary of calm and extend your hand in comradeship, because at the end of the day if not you, who will?

Steve Kjonaas
State Jr. Vice Commander

Sr. Vice Column Ed Aitken



Allow me to be one of the first to wish you the very best in the up coming Holidays.

I would like to inform you that our Service Office, Jeff Loshe, has resigned due to personal reasons.

We have moved our Assistant Service Officer, Patricia Fraser, to Service Officer. Then welcomed Joseph Layman as our new Assistant Service Officer. Terry Jacobson came back to assist in the training till they get certified. Thank you Terry

We, Chief of Staff, George Snyder and I had the pleasure of attending the F. M. Harvey Post 61 in Pueblo and presented the officer and members a Certificate and Palack from National commemorating their 100th Anniversary. We were proud to have a small part in your celebration.

I would like to congratulate Past Commander of District 5, George Snyder and his hard working district team for becoming Colorado's "ALLAMERICAN DISTRICT". I would also like to congratulate Commander Richard Atkinson and the membership of Johnston-Milliken Post 2585 for becoming Colorado's "ALL AMERICAN POST".

In August Tri-Town Post 9741 and it's

surrounding communities brought in the Vietnam Traveling Wall. It was placed in a field south of the Furniture Row on I-25. That field was transformed into a garden where the Wall was placed with honor and respect. The opening ceremony was the start of a great healing and learning experience for the young and old alike. A community came together to remember and pay their respects to those who gave their All. This came about at the kitchen table of then Commander Greg Goettsch and his wife Barb stating what IF and from that small word a GREAT EVENT came to Dacono. I want to thank Greg and Barb on their great success and for allowing me to be part of it.

After the October staff meeting we received information that VFW National was willing to send, Deputy Director of Membership, Rick Butler to give a class on membership. So at our November Council of Administration, Deputy Director of Membership, Rick Butler will hold a membership training. Lets pack the House.

Ed Aitken
State Sr. Vice Commander

Quartermaster's Column Bruce Dolan



Greetings,

I hope this finds everyone well.

The VFW National Foundation recently started a support grant for Posts and Auxiliaries

who are performing an important and needed outreach in the Community to renovate or repair their Post buildings. The grant is for up \$1000. The way to apply for this grant is to visit www.vfw-foundation.org/grants. The application is on this site. If you have question, please contact Jason Couch at 816-968-1174.

I would like to thank all of the Posts in Colorado for turning in an election report.

Bruce R. Dolan
National Council of Administration
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

**National Representative to November
Fall Conference in Colorado Springs**

Bruce R. Dolan was elected to a four-year term on the VFW's National Council of Administration on July 27, 2016, at the 117th VFW National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., representing the Department of Colorado.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1973 as a crew chief on F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft in Vietnam. His decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Marksmanship Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

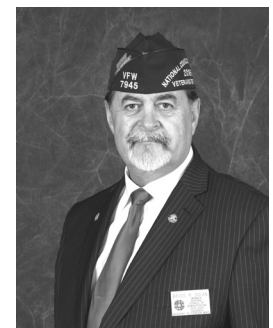
Bruce joined the VFW in 1998 at Post 7945 in Thornton, Colo., where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership.

I wish I could say the same for Bonds. We have 16 Posts and 3 Districts who are not bonded. The By-Law specifically state Quartermasters and persons responsible and having access to Post funds must be bonded. In the next few weeks, we will be contacting the Posts.

There are several Posts that are still making errors on their Quarterly Audits. If you need help, get ahold of Headquarters Office and I will send you a step by step guide how to fill out your Audit.

I hope everyone has great Holidays, and see you at November's COA in the Springs.

Bruce R. Dolan
State Quartermaster



He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as commander of the VFW Department of Colorado in 2012, and is currently the Department Adjutant/Quartermaster, a position he has held since 2013.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and his Associates Degree in Business Administration.

Bruce is a member of the American Legion, and the Boys Town National Alumni Association, where he serves on the Board of Directors and Scholarship Fund.

He and his wife, Arline, reside in Aurora, Colo.

**From All the Department Officers, Chairmen
and
Office Staff**

**We wish you a Great Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas
and
Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year**

**Department of Colorado, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
1400 Carr Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214**

General Orders No. 2
November 1, 2016 Series: 2016-2017

1. Post & District Inspections should be completed by December 31, 2016. Send all three (3) copies to Department Headquarters for the Department Inspector to review. If he finds any irregularities he will confer with the State Commander and a letter of recommendation will be written to the Post Commander.

2. Section 709 of the VFW National By-Laws concerns Disposition of Real Property, i.e. Post Homes. Written notice of such proposal has first to be given to each member of said unit and the Department Commander ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those present and voting at such regular or special meeting.

3. It is the obligation of every member to GET OUT AND VOTE for the candidates of their choice. Take a friend or friends with you to the voting place. Election day is November 8th and you must be registered to exercise your right to vote.

4. Post Quartermaster and District Quartermaster Bonds expired August 31, 2016. Applications have been mailed to ALL Commanders for renewal. Please see that your Quartermaster is bonded in an amount equal to your Post liquid assets. This means ALL funds, Post, Club, Bingo, CD's, etc. Cost is \$4.50 per thousand. All Accountable Officers that are responsible for Post and District funds may be bonded. Bond applications and instructions are available on www.vfwcolodept.org under forms.

Bingo Managers cannot be bonded under the Accountable Officers Bond. Your Post must carry a Dishonesty Bond on them.

5. Section 218, paragraph (11), Duty of Trustees, Trustees shall not be eligible to serve on committees or as officers whose books, records and accounts are audited by the Trustees. Among the duties of the three (3) elected Post Trustees, they shall: (duties are listed a - d).

Post Commanders and Post Trustees are reminded that the 2nd Post Trustee Report of Audit was due to be at Department Headquarters on October 25, 2016 to meet All State requirements. Please see your Post Quartermaster for forms and records.

6. Please be informed that any Post or District requesting a Department Officer to attend a VFW function should make such request in writing to the State Commander. Please allow sufficient time, at least three (3) weeks, for Department to make arrangements.

7. All VFW Posts are required to purchase the revised By-Laws and Ritual books from the VFW National Emblem

and Supply Department. Please see your Post Quartermaster and ask him to order for you. All members should be informed that the Post Quartermaster has a current supply catalog and he is instructed to assist you with your order.

8. An annual income tax return (Form 990) is required of each Post, District and Men's Auxiliary exempt from tax under section 501 (c) 19 of the Federal Code. Starting in 2008 ALL VFW POSTS, DISTRICTS and MEN'S AUXILIARIES with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less have to E-FILE, EVERY YEAR. All Posts exceeding \$50,000 in gross receipts must file on Form 990 or Form 990EZ. Forms and instructions are available from www.irs.gov.

Gross receipts include income from all sources, including membership dues, bar or restaurant receipts, etc. Some of this may be unrelated business income, in which case filing of Form 990-T may be required.

For 2015-2016, exempt organizations that are under section 501(c) and have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 and assets less than \$500,000, may file Form 990-EZ instead of Form 990. If an organization eligible to submit the Form 990N or file the Form 990 EZ chooses to file the Form 990, it must file a complete return.

This return must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the accounting year (November 15 for June 30 year end or May 15 for calendar year end).

Request for extension of time to file may be made by submitting form 8868, Application for Extension of Time to File. If a Post, District or Men's Auxiliary fails to file the return on or before the due date, or the extended date, a penalty of \$20 for each day the return is late (not to exceed the smaller of \$10,000 or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year) may be imposed, unless the organization can show that the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

If you do not file for three (3) consecutive years your Post, District or Men's Auxiliary will lose their non-profit standing with IRS and have to re-apply for non-profit standing and pay to file the application.

9. All Posts are reminded that they are responsible for filing of State Compensation Insurance, State and Federal Unemployment, State and Federal Withholding Tax and any local employee/employer tax, if you have one or more employees.

All units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Colorado are NOT exempt from State Sales and Use Tax.

Attested By:
Bruce R. Dolan
State Quartermaster

By Command Of:
Allan Stone
State Commander

**Surgeon's Column
David Stone**



Greetings comrades,
Fresh from the run of activities days at our state and VA homes one can't help but wonder if those activities are more about

the visitors than the visited. What a grand site, Veterans from all organizations gathering around a parking lot to give out prizes and checks while the residents are whisked by the stands only to disappear back into the facility. Sure, there is interaction with the residents, but there is little else and no opportunity to talk with the staff or observe facility operations.

We can do better. As we celebrate Veterans' day and the approaching holiday season, let's take the time to consider the needs of the residents in our VA and State homes and those in our communities who are homeless. Christmas is all too often a lonely time for these honored veterans and far too many will go through the season without receiving a single card or visitor. We can fix that with a simple card and a small amount of cash given as a heartfelt gift.

David Stone
State Surgeon

**Chaplain's Column
Robert Kidd Sr.**



I would like to thank all of the members that put their trust in me and elected me to be the State Chaplain for 2016-2017 Veterans of Foreign Wars. To start off

with, if you know of a member that is not in good place please let Department Headquarters or myself know so that we can get that information out.

As we are three months into the new Veterans of Foreign Wars year a lot is going on so please remember to take time for yourselves and your families.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, being Thankful as we celebrate first with Thanksgiving and moving through to Christmas. Remember to take a moment to thank the lord for all that we have and will have in the future.

Also please keep all the membership within in this fine organization that are feeling under the weather in your prayers.

God Bless you all
Robert M Kidd Sr
State Chaplain

VFW Roster Changes

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Edward Aitken 80538

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Surgeon: David Stone davstone23@gmail.com

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District 6 Cmdr: Larry Miller #4001, 644 E 10th Ave., Springfield 81073 719-523-6918

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District 12 Commander Robert Valencia 970-560-1891

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National Convention Hospitality: Robert Kidd 719-648-6818

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Service Officer: Patricia Fraser, #3631, 155 Van Gordon, Room 360 Denver 80225 303-914-5596

Asst. Service Officer Denver: Joseph Layman, #4266, 155 Van Gordon, Room 360 Denver 80225 303-914-5597

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Voice of Democracy Fred Scheck 970-580-5117

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Commander Lonnie Brungardt 14020 Summit Dr.

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Commander: Larry Miller
Sr. V. Cmdr: Billy Deatherage
Jr. V. Cmdr: vacant

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Voice of Democracy: Lucas Hohl, P O Box 301, Hugo 80821 719-743-2988

Patriots Pen: Lucas Hohl, P O Box 301, Hugo 80821 719-743-2988

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41 Loveland Cmdr: David DeCamp, 3137 5th Pl SW, Loveland 80537 970-691-1837

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2461 Commander: Robert Lees, 11730 Acoma St., Northglenn 80234 303-358-9553

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4171 Golden Commander: 5505 Saulsburg Ct., Arvada 80002

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5842 Meeker 2nd Thur 5:30 pm

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9565 Broomfield Cmdr: Anthony Lopez, 472 W 91st Cir., Thornton 80260 970-290-9615

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9741 Tri-Town Commander: 1001 Stage Dr., Fort Lupton 80621

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December 03: Grand MOC & MOCA Council Meeting, #2797 Denver

December 04: Grand MOC & MOCA Hospital Visit

2017

January 10 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Department judging completed
January 15 Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen District Participation reports to Dept. Chairman
January 21 Department Voice of Democracy Banquet VFW Post 3917 Security



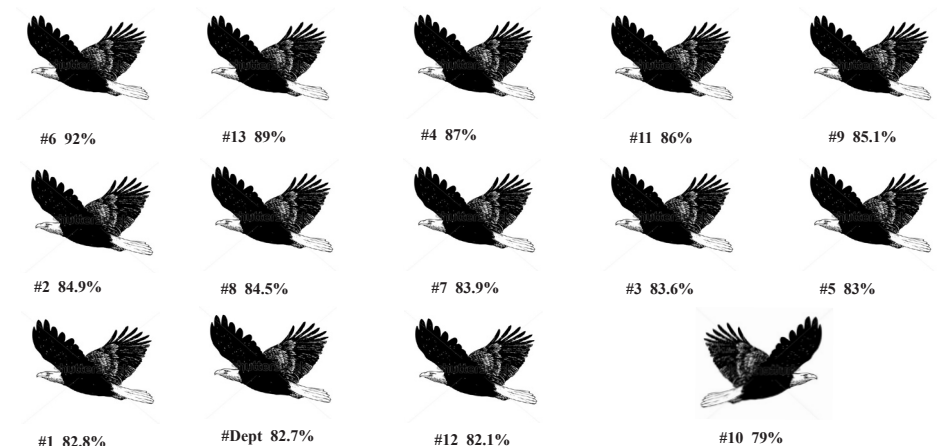
Post 322: Wayne Bush, Lyle Carter
Post 1247: Lawrence Tarr
Post 1771: David Erickson, William G. Stout, Jack L. Hindman, Richard J. Tedesco
Post 3820: Jack Herald
Post 7563: Richard Dominguez
Post 8661: Richard Adamson

VFW Post Membership by District as of October 21, 2016

Number/ City	2016	2017	%	Number/City	2016	2017	%
DISTRICT #1				DISTRICT #8			
1 Denver	940	809	86	859 Leadville	38	30	79
501 Denver	335	269	80	1166 Buena Vista	139	123	88
2461 Denver	158	134	85	3820 Salida	93	76	82
2797 Denver	67	33	49	8661 Bailey	143	125	87
3971 Denver	93	76	82	10721 Minturn	96	81	84
5061 Denver	325	266	82	11411 Lake George	45	44	98
TOTAL	1918	1587	83%	12009 Conifer	129	98	76
DISTRICT #2				DISTRICT #9			
61 Pueblo	82	73	82	2371 Walden	28	24	86
2788 Penrose	97	77	79	4264 Steamt Spgs	97	81	84
3641 Pueblo	87	70	80	4265 Craig	140	125	89
4061 Canon City	322	291	90	5261 Rangely	23	24	104*
5812 Pueblo West	193	152	79	5843 Meeker	54	38	70
7305 Colo. City	44	37	84	9374 Kremmling	36	32	89
8898 Boone	48	35	73	9471 Hayden	11	7	64
12063 Westcliffe	52	50	96	TOTAL	389	331	85%
TOTAL	925	785	85%	DISTRICT #10			
DISTRICT #3				DISTRICT #11			
41 Loveland	284	255	90	322 Englewood	122	101	83
807 Boulder	48	44	92	3471 Morrison	74	63	85
1771 Lafayette	313	273	87	3631 Aurora	349	309	89
1781 Ft. Collins	328	279	85	4121 Idaho Spgs.	55	47	85
2121 Greeley	181	150	83	4171 Golden	479	415	87
2585 Johnstown	215	168	78	4266 Parker	67	70	104*
2601 Longmont	397	323	81	4331 Arvada	289	247	85
4334 Ault	73	61	84	4444 Cmmrc Cty	242	192	79
6624 Evans	303	252	83	4666 Littleton	137	129	94
9565 Broomfield	138	102	74	7563 Black Hawk	23	23	100*
9741 Dacono	50	42	84	7945 Thornton	426	348	82
TOTAL	2330	1949	84%	8449 Bennett	45	38	84
DISTRICT #4				DISTRICT #12			
2551 Ft. Morgan	235	204	87	9644 Fort Logan	676	362	54
3378 Yuma	66	61	92	TOTAL	2984	2344	79%
3541 Sterling	97	82	85	DISTRICT #13			
3551 Brush	37	33	89	3411 Kit Carson	23	23	100*
3951 Ovid	26	22	85	6491 Burlington	74	68	92
3961 Otis	23	20	87	6612 Hugo	43	32	74
4191 Crook	20	17	85	9491 Deer Trail	19	17	89
4671 Wray	58	54	93	9700 Chynn Wlls	28	27	96
6482 Holyoke	58	53	91	TOTAL	187	167	89%
7153 Fleming	33	26	79	15006 MAL	2590	2098	81%
8064 Akron	45	36	80	TOTAL DEPT	17378	14376	83%
TOTAL	698	608	87%	DISTRICT #5			
DISTRICT #6				DISTRICT #7			
336 Ordway	100	86	86	899 Alamosa	119	99	83
2411 LasAnimas	98	93	95	3228 Monte Vista	41	33	80
4001 Springfield	46	43	93	4849 La Jara	57	54	95
4091 Rocky Ford	55	51	93	6101 San Luis	68	52	76
4281 Holly	27	26	96	8121 Del Norte	56	48	86
TOTAL	326	299	92%	TOTAL	341	286	84%

2017 dues are now DUE.
Be 100% +1 in 2016-2017

**We are on Subscription Dues
Have you paid yours??
Buy a Life Membership**



Membership 2016-2017

As I write this report there are 3 posts who have reached their 100% post membership. They are: (1) Parker #4266 101.49 (2) Blackhawk #7563 100 and (3) Kit Carson #3411 100. Congratulations to these posts who have worked very hard to put forth the effort necessary to keep the "Backbone" of our organization strong and healthy, for without members, our posts, districts, departments and ultimately the VFW organization as a whole will cease to exist.

Several more posts are within just a couple of members of reaching their membership goal of 100 + 1. Now is the time all

posts need to give that extra push that will place your post in the 2017 all-state competition. If you have an event or membership drive that you need assistance with, the Department has a membership committee existing of 12 members from various parts of the state who will gladly help you out. A phone call to 720-999-0539 with a 30 day advance notice will assure our presence at your event.

Thanks to All of you for what you do for OUR veterans.

Duane A. Johnson
Dept Membership Director

Suicide Prevention VFW Post 3631 Aurora

VFW Post 3631 Aurora is adopting a plan to bring Military Suicide awareness to all Military retirees and active personnel.

On the 22nd of each month our Post is cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the above mentioned personnel. There is no cost for this. The time is from 1700 to 1900 hrs.

The date of the 22nd is because 22 military personnel commit suicide every month. At 1800 hrs there will be a bell ringing 22 times and a explanation for the number. We will explain that there is help for any veteran or active duty per-

son who is having problems in this area. We will have names and phone numbers available. We have a banner in front of our Post stating the date and reason for this. There is no charge for the food.

We will be getting posters and flyers for local stores and at the military post Lowery.

Our first date is 22 Sept. This will continue on the 22nd of each month

Gary Anguilm
Sr Vice Commander
VFW Post 3631 Aurora

"Pot O' Gold" Member Drawing

Three (3) winners will be drawn and accompany the Commander-in-Chief on an all-expense paid trip to Ireland (Fall 2017) along with their spouse or guest.

For any new/reinstate member recruited between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017:

- You will receive one (1) chance for every five (5) new/reinstated members recruited
- You will receive ten (10) chances for every increment of 25 new/reinstated members recruited.

Attention Post and District Commanders:

- You will receive ten (10) chances in recognition of 85%+ post and district retention

Drawing will take place **July 1, 2017.**

- All Awards are non-transferable

Robert A Crider, Director
VFW National Membership

Fulfilling our Nations Promise

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of a U.S. Serviceman from World War II have been identified and was returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Navy Ensign John C. England, has been returned to Colorado Springs as he was interred August 13 next to his parents who never discovered his ultimate demise. On Dec. 7, 1941, England was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft.

The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack of the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen including England.

Within 12 minutes of the attack starting, the USS Oklahoma had capsized and sank in Pearl Harbor, but Ensign England used that 12 minutes to save at least three shipmates with some reports telling that he saved five before he lost his own life in the effort. Working in the radio room, England sent the order to abandon ship. Before he left, he made three trips from

the deck to the radio room and guided at least three to the deck, reports are that he went back a fourth time, but was never seen again.

Once the family found the location of Ensign England's remains, they exhumed him and started a search on a location to inter him. Fearing the old Evergreen cemetery in Colorado Springs that was opened in 1871 to which his parents were buried were closed to new interments, they took a chance to see if they had room for Ensign England. At first their fears were confirmed, but later during the same phone call they discovered that England's parents had bought a plot and a named grave marker next to theirs for him.

August 13, 2016 Ensign England was finally laid to rest next to his parents with full military honors. His funeral was a special end to the long journey for one of America's heroes.





117th Annual VFW Post 1 Founders Banquet
 December 4, 2016
 No Host Cocktails 5:30 pm
 Dinner 6:30 pm

The Brown Palace Hotel
 321 17th Street
 Denver CO 80202

VFW Member Ticket \$70.00	Vietnam Veteran VFW Member \$70.00
Non Member Ticket \$85.00	Vietnam Veteran Non Member \$85.00
Battle Buddy Ticket \$140.00	Battle Buddy Couple Ticket \$260.00
Patriot VIP Ticket \$500.00	

Honoring our Vietnam Veterans
Keynote Speaker: Vietnam Veteran Col. (Ret) Jim Nicholson
 West Point Graduate, 5th Secretary of the Veterans Affairs
 Ambassador to the Holy See (the Vatican) and former
 Chairman Republican National Committee

Recipient of the Post 1 Life Time Achievement and Appreciation Award
 Ann-Margret



Homelake State Veterans Center Summerfest September 10th. L-R: MOC Grand Commander Melissa Dawson, VFW member Warren Anderson, MOCA Clowns Cindy Anderson, Carolyn Simon and Rena Cales.



Annual Pueblo All-Activities Day September 17th. Lots of activities for all those who attended. Lots of food and games and residents received items donated by VFW Posts, VFW Auxiliaries, MOC and MOCA from all over Colorado.



Cheyenne Mountain VFW 3917 table at Annual Pueblo All-Activities Day. R-L: MOC Grand Commander Melissa Dawson; State Jr. Vice Commander Steve Kjonaas; #3917 member; Darrell Otwell; #3917 member. Looks like the residents throw a bean bag and knock over plastic tumblers and win a prize.

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
 Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!



Hardy members of Post 10721 Minturn climbed (drove 4 wheel drive vehicles) to the top of Resolution mountain & camped out in the wilderness where members of the 10th Mountain Division trained for their assault on Riva Ridge. They also toured the old Camp Hale grounds with a tour guide. But they did not bring tents & ammunition to the event. They had story tellers, spaghetti sauce with beer & cell phones (but no service). At 11,905 feet, their shoes & pajamas were surely needed. Suggest all Posts try out a 10 Mt Association Hut for an experience of a life-time!



Above Past Department Commanders attended a luncheon at Fontaine Qui Bouille VFW Post 6461 August 28th. L-R (Row 1) Jim Mauck, Larry Mitchell, (Row 2) Darrell Anderson, Terry Jacobson, George Palmateer, Steve Rylant, Doug Raymond.





Past Department Presidents attended a luncheon at Fontaine Qui Bouille VFW Post 6461 August 28th. L-R: Sue Tartaglione, Ruth Gulden, Rosie Mitchell, Colleen Rylant, Martine Arndt, Ann Mauck. Lunch was prepared by Auxiliary 6461



VFW Post 10721 Minturn sponsored the “Eagle County Public Safety Appreciation Awards” with the Rotary Clubs in Valley. Post had two members on the planning committee - Comrades Hammon-VSO and Buddy Sims- Adjutant. On September 8th at Vail Donovan Center, 200 attendees celebrated the 13 special awards given to Eagle County Heroes protecting the public. L-R: Avon Fire Chief Bauer, Pottratz family members; Pat Hammon-VSO; Scott Pottratz “First Responder of the Year” as a fireman; Sarah Vaughan-gold star mother; Post Commander Peter Thompson and Adjutant Buddy Sims.



Monument VFW Post 7829 presented the “Taste of Denmark” at the Pueblo VA Community Living Center August 2nd. Monument has sponsored this monthly activity for the past three plus years on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS VFW POST 1


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TO JOIN OUR NEW TOASTMASTERS CLUB

A SUPPORTIVE, SELF-PACED PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY TO...


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- BECOME A CONFIDENT SPEAKER AND PRESENTER
- LEARN TO USE VISUAL AIDS
- COMMUNICATE WITH CONFIDENCE
- CONSTRUCT & DELIVER INFORMATIVE,
- MAKE EFFECTIVE, DYNAMIC PRESENTATIONS
- LEARN TO LISTEN WITH PURPOSE
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS/ ENHANCE THE ONES YOU HAVE



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VFW POST 1
841 SANTA FE DRIVE
2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 8:00 PM

About Toastmasters visit www.toastmasters.org More Information Norm Frickey
nfrickey@comast.net



VFW Post 7829 Monument Commander Joe Carlson (c) as a Guardian with Northern Colorado Honor Flight participants WWII Veteran Raymond Valdez (l) and Vietnam Veteran and FT Collins 1781 member Glen Gaines. This two day, September 9 & 10, adventure took over 120 participants with their respective guardians and supporting medical and other staff to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and Korean Memorial. VFW Post 7829, District 3 Warriors and many other veteran related organizations support the Honor Flight Northern Colorado organization with time, talents, and treasure - true “Service to Veteran”.



Every Friday VFW Post 10721 member Sandy Treat, WWII 10th Mountain Division, presents a class on the 10th Mt Division WWII training program at Camp Hale, CO and the Italian Campaign. For the last five years he tells the story only he lived at the Vail Ski Museum and Hall of Fame located in Vail, CO. Sandy was recruited out of Dartmouth University in 1943 to be a primary ski instructor at Camp Hale. He was a Nationally recognized ski racer in the “downhill” and skied in the Master’s Ski Racing Program in Vail until he was 88 years old. Sandy is now 93, retired and living in Edwards, CO.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION WEEKEND

Saturday November 19th Workshop for VFW

Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Membership - Rick Butler
National Deputy Director
Membership - Marketing

12:00 noon - 1:30 PM Lunch - On Your Own

1:30 - 4:30 PM Membership - (Continued)

4:30 PM District Commander Briefing &
Council Meeting Briefing

Dinner - On Your Own

Council of Administration November 20, 2016
8:30 AM Joint Meeting
VFW Meeting to follow

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
Rooms are blocked make reservations ASAP

Hotel Elegante
2886 S. Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
719-302-9844

Council of Administration
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Colorado
(Times and Locations Subject to Change)

Hotel Elegante, 2886 S Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Friday November 18th
5:30 PM Audit & Staff Meeting - Department Line Officers

Saturday November 19th
9:00 AM District Presidents Join Sue Tartaglione - District Presidents
10:00 AM Program Chairmen Join Charlotte Lattin - Program Chairmen

11:00 AM Recruiter Training with Linda Reinpold - Members

12:00 PM (Noon) Lunch on your own

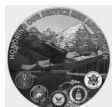
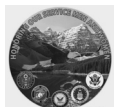
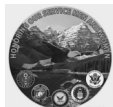
1:30 PM Parade of Programs/Workshop Open to Everyone

Dinner on your own

Sunday August 20th

Council of Administration
8:30 AM Joint Opening - VFW & Auxiliary Members
9:00 AM VFW Auxiliary Council Meeting - Auxiliary Members

“Keeping Veterans at the Center of Our Hearts”



2016 - 2017 Veteran's Pins Order Form

Auxiliary No. _____ Ship to: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Quantity: _____ Pins x \$3.00 each=\$ _____ enclosed

Ordered by: _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary

Mail Veteran's Pin order to: **Lennie Dolan**
1170 Fulton St
Aurora CO 80010
(303) 341-7488

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Military Order of the Cootie Silver Dollar Auxiliary

Silver Dollar Auxiliary this year will be making holiday wreaths for sale, price \$15 each. These beautiful wreaths are assembled by MOCA auxiliary members as a fund raiser for the MOCA programs that support the VA hospitals and National Home for Children. The wreaths will be for sale from Silver Dollar members and at the “Cootie Club”. We will be taking special orders for wreaths to be delivered to Ft Logan National Cemetery. Members will deliver the wreath and place on graves at Ft Logan. Please use the order form below. Thank you for your support of the MOCA as we celebrate this holiday season.

Charlotte Lattin, President

Silver Dollar MOCA Holiday Wreaths or we will deliver to Ft Logan National Cemetery

Name _____
Phone # _____
Ft Logan information: site # _____
Full Name on Stone _____

orders must be received by December 5, 2016
wreath \$15.00 ea check payable to: Silver Dollar MOCA

Mail to: Charlotte Lattin
8912 W Radcliffe Pl questions 303-909-6303
Littleton, CO 80123 e-mail: ronlattin@att.net

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Auxiliary News

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Ann Mauck, Auxiliary News Chairman



Presidents's Column Linda Reinpold



Hello Sisters, Brothers and Comrades!

First, let me say thank you to everyone for all of the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers for me during this time. It has

meant so much to me over the past few months to be part of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary family. I am doing well and looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Council of Administration meeting in November.

Here we are on our way into the fall and upcoming holiday season. Time has gone quickly since the August Parade of Programs and Council of Administration. Thank you to the Evans and Greeley Posts and Auxiliaries for their hospitality and a great weekend. The meetings were well attended and I have heard so many positive comments from our members. It was great for me to be able to be a part of both meetings through Skype technology. Thank you to Ginny and Kirk Rosa for helping to get it set up to hear the information at both meetings and see everyone in the room.

Our membership is coming right along. As of September 30, 2016 we are at 76.3%. There are 6 Auxiliaries over 90% and 3 that have already achieved 100%. There are many more that are very close. This year National has set Department quarterly goals for new and rejoined members. Our goal by October 31 is to add 95 new/rejoined members. We reached this as of September 30. The Department will receive \$200 for your efforts. Thank you to everyone for working so hard.

National President Colette Bishop had her Freedom Event Celebration at Mt. Rushmore in September. Thank you to all the members that attended and represented Colorado. It was a wonderful time by all and a special thanks Stephanie Trujillo and Debbie Hillis for carrying our flags at the Amphitheater with Mt Rushmore in the background that honored all Department Presidents. There are pictures of the event on the National e-newsletter.

November is a busy month. Please remember to plan or attend an event for our veterans on Veterans Day and if you have pictures, please send them to our

Department of Colorado Facebook Page and or the Colorado Veteran. Please pay attention to all the legislative events and the debates to learn about where the candidates stand on the various issues especially those that are related to our veterans and the VFW priority goals – and be sure to vote!

Western Conference is coming up in Oahu, Hawaii November 3-6, 2016. There are many activities and meetings planned. We wish Western Conference President Charlotte Lattin a great conference and we will have members from Colorado attending.

The next Council of Administration is November 19-20 in Colorado Springs at the Hotel Elegante. There are special rates and all the meetings are at the hotel. Detailed information is posted on the website under the Events/Info tab on the Home Page.

Please look at www.vfwcolodept.org website under the Home Page and at the very bottom of the page see: infovfwaux-colorado@gmail.com. It is a link where prospective members can directly email the Auxiliary for questions. It is also there for our members to communicate with questions and concerns. Thank you to Rita Fama for helping with our website changes.

There is also a Facebook link at the top on the Home Page. It is a great source of information. Please look at it, post information about your events and activities to it and use it as a resource to what is happening in our Auxiliary. Thank you Caroline Gelatt and Beverly Archer for their help. If you have any questions about posting, please contact them.

Thank you for all that you are doing for our veterans. November and December are a time for thanksgiving and blessings. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during the upcoming holiday season. Please pray for our veterans and the active service men and service women who will not be spending time with their families or loved ones as they continue to protect us and our country.

**“Keeping Veterans Close
to our Hearts”**

Linda K. Reinpold
Department President

Program Reporting / Community Service

Program Reporting / Community Service / Be of service.

Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.

Report, Report, Report

If you have any questions please call me

Jackie Newlander

Program Reporting / Community Service Chairman

Scholarship Program

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parade of Programs in Greeley, Colorado. It was so nice to see all of you! The hard part is done for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. You should have had all applications for VOD and Patriots Pen to the post by November 1st. Now, it's time to find judges. Be creative—find local politicians, retired teachers, or leaders of organizations.

Please follow the following timeline. All judging by your local post needs to be completed and submitted to your District chairmen by November 15th. District chairmen please have your judging complete by December 5th and your submissions sent to Department by December 9th.

Don't forget about the Auxiliary Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship is available to assist members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a technical school. Spouses and children of members are also eligible to apply. Completed applications are due to National Headquarters by February

15, 2016. Applications should not be submitted to Department. They must be submitted to Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Director of Programs & Communications, 406 W. 34th ST. 10th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64111.

It's not too early to get information out for the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program. Applicants may be enrolled in public, private, parochial or home school programs. The complete rules may be found at <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>. Entries should be submitted to the local auxiliaries by March 31st. Auxiliary or District entries should be submitted to the Department Scholarships Chairman by April 15th.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Veterans and their families. Please contact Beverly Archer or Sabrina Feagaiga at auxscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Beverly Archer
Sabrina Feagaiga
Department Scholarship Chairman

Youth Activities

Greetings to all Auxiliary members!

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we seem to run out of time to accomplish all tasks that we would like to finish. Continue the great volunteer work you all have been doing. Thank you to everyone for reporting. For those that did not make it to Council of Administration in August, I will be having two different drawings during State Convention 2017 for a \$50.00 gift card from the VFW Store.

***One drawing will have all Auxiliaries that have reported at least once a quarter for the 2016-2017 reporting year.**

***One drawing will have all Auxiliaries that have submitted a Youth Groups Supporting Veterans Citation during the 2016-2017 reporting year. Department Youth Activities Chairman must have application by April 7, 2017 to submit to National VFW Auxiliary.**

With the youth taking a break from school, there will be more opportunities in which we will be able to work with them by involving our youth in more projects, helping to build a stronger bond with them. Taking the time to mentor our youth today will create quality leadership skills for them tomorrow. Rewarding youth for doing the “right thing” might also encourage them to continue doing

positive actions in the future. One of our National Program goals is giving out Random Acts of Patriotism (R.A.P.) cards and coins. If you happen to see a youth performing a Patriotic Act, please reward them with a R.A.P. coin or card. Coins can be purchased at www.vfwstore.org. The card template is available at www.vfwauxiliary.org under the Youth Activities Program.

As all of you know, these awards are also available for youth and youth groups. These application forms can be found at: www.vfwcolodept.org by clicking on the “FORMS” tab

***The Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Award**

***The Outstanding Youth Group of the Year Award**

***The Youth Groups Supporting Our Veterans Citation**

Please continue to let me know all that your Auxiliaries are doing in your communities and all the different youth groups you work with through your program reporting. Enjoy the holidays! And remember.....

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

Patsy Gilmore
Department Youth Activities Chairman

Thank You Colorado

I want to Thank You for all your phone calls, cards and flowers on my 87th Birthday. They were greatly appreciated and really made my day. Love you all. So sorry my health does not allow me to attend activities anymore. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Again Thanks.

Helen Lenehan, PNP

Hospital

On September 17, All Patient's Day was held at Pueblo Community Living Center in Pueblo, CO. The event was well attended by Auxiliaries and Posts from all over the state and from VFW Auxiliary State of CO representatives. I have been fortunate enough to work this event for several years and this year was just as rewarding as they all have been. Wounded and paralyzed veterans from many conflicts reside and visit here—World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and others are cared for here. These honored vets struggle with the damage that they incurred in the defense of our nation, but they are not overcome. Whether in wheel chairs, walkers, or under their own power, they come out to participate in the events if they are able. Shooting baskets, throwing bean bags, bowling, knocking over milk bottles, doing the ring toss—you name it. Some residents try them all—with or without the help of the great nurses at this facility. Some family members also turn out with their vet to participate in the day.

And the prizes they get for participating (T Shirts, socks, flashlights, snacks, etc.), seem to add to the fun. Lots of great refreshments too—hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, sweets...It sure is great! Round all of that off with great music provided by volunteers and you have a picture of the day.

For those of us who work the event, the benefits are many. Probably the most rewarding for us is the honor of being able to bring a brief moment of sunshine to the men and women who have given so much to us. This event, and the countless others that you participate in, are such a boon to the vets that have fought so bravely for us and now continue to carry their burden. Thank you for all that you do for them.

Please remember to **accurately and completely** document the time and re-

sources that you use when you work in the Hospital Program. Hospital volunteers give so generously of themselves in this effort and often do not take the time to record their time or contributions—or gladly just chalk this up as doing their job. We all need to understand how important it is to keep track of all that we do. Many volunteers are not recognized for their valuable efforts because of this.

In your Auxiliaries, be sure to send in \$.50 per member by Oct 31 to assist all VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes for special parties and Christmas. I would again like to give special emphasis to the Veterans Voices Writing Project a therapeutic writing program that helps veterans express themselves. Members can help assist veterans in writing, recording or typing their memories. To learn more about the program, go to www.veteransvoices.org.

Also, another important part of our program emphasis this year is Military Suicide Awareness. Pass on information on the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to connect to a specially trained and experienced person, text 838255 to connect to a VA responder or go on-line to www.veteranscrisisline.net.

I look forward to continuing my hospital visits and look forward to working with the VAVS representatives in the VA Medical Centers and representatives at the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Homes. Thank you once again for the role that you play and for your generous gifts of time and talent. With your support and assistance, we can all make this a year to remember!

More important than that, however, we can make this a time where we expand our service to those that need us by "Keeping Veterans Close to Our Hearts".

Phil Reinbold
Department Hospital Chairman

Legislative Program

By the time that you are reading this, our elections should be concluded. Did you distribute the "Veterans Vote" brochure? Did you vote? How many members in your Auxiliary voted? Did members help in the voting process? Did you provide rides to people to attend Town Hall meetings, candidate debates, campaign rallies? Did you help a person with limited vision read the ballot? Did you watch the debates on your television in the comfort of your home? All if these things should be reported on the Program Report Form. Yes, numbers speak loudly when our National Commander of the VFW addresses the Congress on Capitol Hill.

Now is the time to order the 2016 VFW Priority Goals pamphlet. Give a copy to your elected officials and ask them to read it. Distribute to members and non-members alike. Do you have a college or community college in your city? Get a conversation started.

Elections have ended, yet our vigilance needs to be ever stronger. We need to keep an ever watchful eye on our elected officials, those new and those who have not completed their terms as of this election. Are they veteran friendly or do they continually back non veteran friendly legislation? Be sure to read the legisla-

tion in full. Ask your representative why they might not be in favor of the issue. Be informed! Be courteous and honest about your concerns for our veteran community.

One of the main goals this year is to help our members become informed and educated. Please help all members in this process. Those that have computers and are able to navigate the world wide web, should have a login for the VFW Auxiliary. (<https://vfwauxiliary.org>) If not, please help them get this accomplished. Encourage all that are able to login and go to the resources page. By scrolling down on the page, there are tabs to click on and sign up for the VFW ACTION CORPS WEEKLY and CHECKPOINT. These are two very informative and vital tools for us as members. For our members that do not use a computer, please print out these and distribute them. These are also things that can and should be shared with all members of our organization. Copies for the Post Home would be great!!

In closing, may you all enjoy a wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends!

Colleen Rylant
Department Auxiliary Legislative Chair

Thank You

Diane and I would like to thank you all for the cards, prayers and calls. We are home and are trying to get back to normal. You are a special group of people.
Ed and Diane Aitken

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

GENERAL ORDERS #2

November 1, 2016

All General Orders from the Department President are official and must be read at the first meeting following receipt before being filed for reference.

1. The Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary will hold its Parade of Programs/ Workshops and Council of Administration meeting on November 19 and 20, 2016 at the Hotel Elegante, 2886 S Circle Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80906. A schedule of programs and workshops is on the Department website. Workshops will begin at 11:00 am with Parade of Programs at 1:30 pm. Joint Council of Administration will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 8:30 and the Auxiliary Council meeting following.

2. Department President, Linda Reinbold's Special Project is Project Sanctuary. The proceeds from the sale of her special Veterans pin will go to Operation TBI at the Craig Hospital of Colorado.

3. District Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents: Please be sure that all Districts and Auxiliaries have filed their 990-N reports and a copy sent to Department Treasurer, Cindy Anderson.

4. In accordance with Section 211 of the National bylaws, Auxiliaries may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws.

5. **November 1** is the deadline for student entries to the VFW Post/Auxiliary for both **Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship** programs. Judging of these entries at the Post/Auxiliary level is to be completed by **November 15** and the results forwarded to the District. Judging at the District level and forwarded to the Department must be completed by **December 15**.

6. Western Conference will be held November 3 – 6, 2016 in O'ahu, Hawaii.

7. Department Membership Chairman, Shelley Schlieman asks that Auxiliary Treasurers send 2017 dues for new, renewals, reinstates, and life memberships as soon as they are received.

8. Using the "Officers Change Form" please notify **National Headquarters and Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa** of any changes in Auxiliary President, Secretary or Treasurer. Please notify the above for changes in meeting dates, places, times and dues amount.

9. Please make your suggested donations to Cancer, Health and Happiness, and Hospital to National and/or Department based upon your June 30 membership. Presidents please share the information from your Colorado Program Book with the Treasurer for instructions in making out the checks **and mailing them to the correct addresses**.

10. Please place your orders for Poppies with the Department of Colorado VFW, 1400 Carr Street, Lakewood CO 80214. Auxiliaries are required to purchase 250. If the Auxiliary and Post order together, be sure to note on the Order Form the amount purchased by each. Order forms may be found on the VFW website at www.vfw-colodept.org and in the Colorado Program Book.

11. Please notify **Department Secretary, Ginny Rosa** of any upcoming special events and celebrations so that Department and District Officers may attend if available.

12. A special thank you to all those attending the Parade of Programs in Greeley Colorado. The Program Chairmen did an outstanding job of promoting their programs and I am sure that you able to take something back to your Auxiliaries.

BY ORDER OF:
/s/ Linda Reinbold
Linda Reinbold, President

ATTEST:
/s/ Ginny Rosa
Ginny Rosa, Secretary

VFW Auxiliary

Roster Changes as of November 1, 2016

Banner Bearer Brigitte Dolan - Phone 720-394-5474

District 6 President e-mail - chiropkv@gmail.com
Secretary e-mail - barbmemt@gmail.com

Aux 1247 President Address - 116 Anna Drive / email - jenn.avery@sbcglobal.net

Aux 1771 Annual Dues \$28.00 / President's Phone - 720-352-1190
Treasurer Address - 600 S Harrison Avenue, Lafayette CO 80026

Aux 2411 President e-mail - chiropkv@gmail.com
Secretary e-mail - barbmemt@gmail.com

Aux 2601 2nd Wednesday 6:00 pm 315 S Bowen St. (American Legion)

Aux 3971 President Phone - 720-987-5196 / Treasurer Phone - 720-323-9532

Aux 4051 meeting time - 2nd Saturday 10:30 am / Annual Dues \$33.00
Secretary: Tina Stemen, 4530 Lancaster Drive, Colorado Spgs CO 80916-2380 / 719-684-5192 / tyscorpio13@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Rachel R Brown, 2922 Straus Lane, Apt D, Colorado Spgs CO 80907 / 719-937-1484 / brownrr30@yahoo.com

Aux 4171 Meeting Date & Time - 1st Saturday 10:00 am / Annual Dues \$30.00

Aux 5061 President: Ron Smith, 3914 Maverick Lane, Evans CO 80620
720-219-8137 / rsmithvfw@gmail.com

Aux 5061 Treasurer: Jenae' Smith, 3914 Mayerick Lane, Evans CO 80620
720-495-9274 / jenae0402@gmail.com

Aux 6461 Meeting date - 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm / President's Phone - 719-290-0164

Aux 6624 Meeting date - 2nd Thursday 6:30 pm

Aux 7945 President Phone - 720-394-5474

Aux 9565 President: Diane Jameson, 9911 Ammons Circle, Broomfield 80021
303-478-4723 / dlsjameson@comcast.net

Past Aux Pres Club: Treasurer phone - 719-290-0164

Please send all Roster changes to Secretary Ginny Rosa humming657@yahoo.com.

Membership 2016-2017

At the August COA I handed out the membership goals and awards that will be given for this year. I hope that if you attended, you picked up this handout and have shared it with your Auxiliaries. For those of you who have not had an opportunity to learn about these National goals and the awards that Department will be giving for membership, this year, I will give you an overview.

The National goals this year are different that they have been in the past. We have four quarterly goals to meet to be eligible for the monetary awards. These goals are for new annual, new life, and rejoined members. First quarter, October 31, we need 95 new or rejoined, for \$200. Second quarter, January 31 we need 65 new or rejoined for \$350. Third quarter, April 30, we need 95 new or rejoined for \$400. Fourth quarter, June 30, we need 65 new or rejoined for \$500. These numbers cannot be applied from one quarter to the next; example, if we get 110 new or rejoined the first quarter, we can only use 95 and cannot apply the remaining 15 to the next quarter! I know, we are confused by this. National is asking us for 320 new or rejoined members this year but to get the monetary awards we have to spread them out in the 95,65,95,65 numbers per quarter. National is also implementing a "Circle of Excellence." Each Department President can enter this Circle if all the criteria set forth by National are met. We are fulfilling these deadlines and should not have any problem with meeting the goals. However, if we do not reach 100% membership by June 30, even if all the other goals are met, Linda will not be able to enter the "Circle of Excellence" at the National Convention in July. We were so close to our 100% goal last year and I know we can do it this year. If we meet all the criteria for the Circle of Excellence we will receive \$1000 from National.

National Certified Recruiter Training Program

All Auxiliary members are working so diligently to keep our Department a healthy and active one. Each one of you has provided so much to veterans through hard work, hours of volunteerism, participation in fundraisers and activities and hospital work support veterans and their families. THANK YOU!!

Shelley, her membership team and all Auxiliaries have already worked very hard this year. We have met the Circle of Excellence October 31 goal of 95 new/rejoined by September 30, 2016. Thank you to everyone to help our Department achieve this. National has established specific goals throughout the year. As of September 30 we are at 76.30% toward reaching our 100%+1.

When talking with prospective members, let them know about the benefits that are a part of becoming a member. There are insurance benefits including discounted policies for life, health, accident, long-term care and dental. There is also a cancer grant benefit after one year as a member.

This time of year is good to let them know about Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarships. Also, this is a good time to let them know about the

At the Department level we have decided to give monetary awards for membership this year. We felt with our increasing number of male Auxiliary members this would appeal to everyone. At the November COA every member who has recruited a new or rejoined member will have their name entered in the drawing. Each member recruited or rejoined by a member equals one drawing entry, so if you recruit three members your name is entered three times, if you recruit six members your name is entered six times. The more new and rejoined you sign up, the more chances you have. In November, we will draw three names for \$25 each. The remaining names will remain in the drawing hopper for the March COA. At the March COA, we will draw three names for \$25 each. Also at the March COA, any member who recruits or rejoins five or more members will have their names entered, in a separate drawing, for \$50 - two names will be drawn. At the Department Convention, in June, the Auxiliary member who recruits the most new or rejoined members throughout the year will be recognized with \$75. Also, at Department Convention, the Auxiliary who recruits or rejoins the most members throughout the year will receive \$75. In case we have a tie for either of these awards the earliest transmittal date will win determine the winner. Auxiliaries will also earn 100% plaques, again this year.

Membership Chairmen, get those dues notices sent out. Be proactive and call members, use your relief funds for elderly and needy members. We are "Keeping Veterans Close to Our Hearts" and we are going to make Colorado 100% and a proud member of the "Circle of Excellence".

Shelly Schlieman,
State Membership Chairman

Young American Creative Patriotic Art and Continuing Education scholarships and the Outstanding Youth and Outstanding Youth Group Award programs.

The more awareness we put out to the community and our schools about our programs, our benefits and how we help support our veterans, can provide a positive outreach to increasing our membership.

Please call me with any ideas you may have to share, questions you might have or to schedule a training session for you, the Auxiliary or District. Training can be how to set up a membership drive, having a booth at an event, increasing membership by attracting younger members or forming a membership committee to mention a few topics. You may have a unique or specific topic that you would like addressed.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members working together to "Keeping Veterans Close to Our Hearts" and watch our membership increase!

Linda Reinpold
National Certified Recruiter Trainer
Department of Colorado

Auxiliary Membership by District as of October 21, 2016

Number	City	2016	2017	%	Number	City	2016	2017	%
DISTRICT #1					DISTRICT #7				
1	Denver	175	149	85	899	Alamosa	82	47	57
501	Denver	140	104	74	3228	Monte Vista	49	40	82
2461	Denver	126	96	76	4849	La Jara	49	39	80
2797	Denver	37	26	70	6101	San Luis	32	28	88
3971	Denver	36	23	64	8121	So Fork	96	92	96
5061	Denver	106	78	74		TOTAL	308	246	80%
	TOTAL	620	476	77%	DISTRICT #8				
DISTRICT #2					DISTRICT #10				
2788	Penrose	38	16	42	322	Englewood	119	56	47
3641	Pueblo	81	36	44	3471	Morrison	49	44	90
4061	Canon City	153	129	84	3631	Aurora	109	83	76
5812	Pueblo West	53	42	79	4171	Golden	325	273	84
7305	Colo. City	27	8	30	4331	Arvada	132	107	81
	TOTAL	352	231	66%	4444	Cmmrc City	184	183	99
DISTRICT #3					DISTRICT #11				
41	Loveland	121	58	48	784	Montrose	50	36	72
1771	Lafayette	316	262	83	1247	Grnd Jcnctn	95	76	80
1781	Ft. Collins	97	81	84	3571	Delta	60	46	77
2121	Greeley	98	85	87	3981	Grnd Jcnctn	6	0	0
2585	Johnstown	80	46	58	4663	Clifton	57	38	67
2601	Longmont	234	198	85	9221	Cedaredge	58	58	100*
4334	Ault	34	32	94	9304	Silt	13	13	100*
6624	Evans	218	169	78	9333	Hothchkiss	21	8	38
9565	Broomfield	49	21	43		TOTAL	360	275	76%
	TOTAL	1247	952	76%	DISTRICT #12				
DISTRICT #4					DISTRICT #13				
2551	Ft. Morgan	129	97	75	3411	Kit Carson	27	20	74
3541	Sterling	81	70	86	6491	Burlington	18	10	55
4671	Wray	30	27	90	6612	Hugo	51	22	43
8064	Akron	30	9	30		TOTAL	96	52	54%
	TOTAL	270	203	75%	DISTRICT #14				
DISTRICT #5					DISTRICT #15				
101	Colo. Spgs.	80	56	70	15006	At Large	318	308	97%
3917	Security	214	175	82		TOTAL DEPT.	6,633	5,241	79%
4051	Colo. Spgs	309	258	83	“100 Years of Serving Veterans”				
5221	Calhan	27	27	100*	VFW Auxiliary				
6461	Fountain	120	104	87	Department of Colorado				
7829	Monument	31	28	90	Chief of Staff / Extension				
	TOTAL	781	648	83%	We are almost halfway through our year. Is your Auxiliary Healthy? Five Essentials of an Auxiliary are:				
DISTRICT #6					1. Auxiliaries should have at least ten (10) business meetings per year. (Sec. 210)				
336	Ordway	79	66	84	2. Dues should be paid on at least ten (10) members on or before February 1 of the current year. (Sec.207)				
2411	LasAnimas	110	109	99	3. Up-to-date with submission of quarterly audits by Trustees. (Sec.813D & 814A)				
3621	Lamar	17	0	0	4. Officers elected, installed and reported to National Headquarters no later than June 30.				
4001	Springfield	28	12	43	5. The offices of President and Treasurer MUST be bonded by August 31. (Sec. 814A)				
4281	Holly	8	9	113*	The RU Healthy Auxiliary To-Do and Deadlines Form were mailed to all Auxiliary Presidents. <u>Have you mailed the forms back to me?</u> Remember, there will be a drawing at the November Parade of Programs for a				
	TOTAL	242	196	81%					



TAPS

Aux 1: Jo Ann Sparks PDP
Aux 1771: Betty Villegas, Anna Bloom, Ann Harder
Aux 2411: Leota "Margaret" Moody
Aux 4061: Irene Sanlers
Aux 4849: Judy Madrid, Bertina Lopez

Have a Great Thanksgiving
From All the VFW Auxiliary Department Officers and Chairmen

Loyally,
Rosie Mitchell
Department Chief of Staff

"Unwavering Support for
Uncommon Heroes"

Virginia “Ginny” Rosa, of Bailey, Colo., represents Colorado and Kansas on the National Council of Administration, which governs the Veterans of Foreign Wars



**Virginia “Ginny” Rosa
National District Council
Member #13
2015-2017
National Rep. for November COA**

of the United States (VFW) Auxiliary between National Conventions.

Installed at the 102nd National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA., she is serving a two-year term as one of the 28 representatives who make up the Council along with the top seven National Officers, the National Chief of Staff, and the four Junior Past National Presidents.

A Life Member of Chew Commons Slocum Auxiliary #12009, she has served in many capacities for the organization including Auxiliary, District and Depart-

ment President. Currently she is serving as Department of Colorado Secretary.

She joined on the eligibility of her father, who served in the United States Marine Corps in WWII, Pacific in 1941-1945.

Ginny comes from a military family with almost 90 years of military service. She is also a member of the American Payroll Association and the Military Order of the Cooties (MOCA).

Ginny and her husband Kirk have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Americanism

Salutations to all of you wonderful people--

I hope this letter finds all of you spreading your Patriotic Americanism love with all of our youth, community and others.

A few Patriotic Days have happened since I last saw you. So what did you do to show your pride on Patriot Day and POW/MIA Day? Did you display posters? Did you go do a presentation in schools? Did you reach out and put a missing man table up at a high school?

You're probably wondering why I'm asking. Well, it is part of your reporting requirements that you do something on that day to celebrate, bring awareness, and education to the all members of the Post, the community, and the youngsters. Therefore please make sure you are reporting every time you do something on Patriotic Days.

How are the rest of our goals coming along? Please make sure you're working on all of them. Don't forget that the **big** goal is the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. For those who were not at the last Council of Administration in Greeley—I mentioned to those who attended that the Education Award is not only a national requirement but a state requirement. All Auxiliaries are to have at least **one** entry for this Award

program. The Auxiliaries who have at least one will be given extra points at the end of the year. There are brochures that you can purchase from the VFW Store. Schedule appointments to meet with Principles, hand them out to your youth group members so they can pass them on to their teachers, advertise the scholarship on Facebook or your websites. Do whatever you need to do to get the word out, all you need is one entry. We've had a Voice of Democracy winner in the last few years...I think it's time we show national that Colorado has some of the best teachers!

If you have any questions on any of the goals that were listed out in the August Veteran or that were discussed at the C.O.A. please do not hesitate to contact to me.

I am here to help all of Colorado Auxiliaries to succeed reporting 100% in Americanism, spreading our Patriotism, and educating all those in our community.

I hope to see all of you at the Council of Administration November 19-20, in Colorado Springs.

Stephane Trujillo
Department Americanism Chairman

Buddy Poppy Program

We should all know the “Story” behind the “Buddy” Poppy. The Buddy Poppy, little that it is, has a huge impact on three different groups. The Veterans who assemble the Poppy are paid a small stipend, the money sent to Department to purchase poppies helps the VFW National Home for Children, and the donations collected by individual Auxiliaries go into their Relief Fund. The 2016 Podium Edition, Booklet of Instructions, page 18, reads:

“The Relief Fund shall consist of the proceeds from Buddy Poppy distributions and any contributions of other funds available.” Relief Fund money shall be restricted and expended solely for specific purposes. Please consult your Booklet on proper spending of Relief funds.

Ordering must be done through Department. When ordering please note how many poppies are being ordered by your Auxiliary, so that you will get proper credit for your order, especially when doing a combined order with your Post. Every day is “Buddy” Poppy Day...but please be visible with your “Buddy Poppies” on Veterans Day. It's our job to help others REMEMBER.



Rena Cales, Department Buddy Poppy Chairman

All VFW Auxiliary Members

Have you made plans to attend Parade of Programs November 19th?

Have you made plans to attend Council of Administration November 20th?

Hope to see everyone at Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs

Lots of information will be available from Officers and Chairmen

Veterans And Family Support

Colorado Auxiliaries:

You ARE wonderful!! We are receiving some super reports!! Thank you for your dedication to our Veterans and their families. If you haven't sent in your reports...please do so!! But, Guess what? The best is yet to come!! Please plan special events to show our veterans how much they are appreciated...Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and celebrations. Please remember to keep plenty of Buddy Poppies on hand and please remember the children and families living at the VFW National Home for Children. It is our sacred duty to give these kids a chance

to experience a normal childhood.

If you're overwhelmed with all of the items listed under Veterans and Family Support on the program reporting form... Step back...Take a moment...and think of helping one veteran at a time. How can you assist one veteran? How can you make that one veteran's life a little easier? Just think of the impact that helping one veteran at a time will make!!

I welcome your questions, comments, and ideas!!

Loyally, Rose Naughton
Department Veterans and Family Support Chairman

VFW National Home for Children Program

MORE THAN A DIME IS WORTH OUR TIME

By now you should have at least a mason jar somewhere in your Post, decorated and collecting additional funds for our VFW National Home for Children. Whatever you have done to further the success of our National Home aside from your Auxiliary's minimum commitment of at least 10 cents per member, I applaud your efforts and wish you continued success.

An easy way for one person to make a difference is to join as a life member to the VFW National Home for Children. Associate membership is also available to non-members of

the VFW and Auxiliary. This can be done for as little as \$35.

More Information can be obtained at: vfnationalhome.org

Don't forget to report your donations under “Health and Happiness” so your Auxiliary will be credited and in the running for my 2017 convention awards. I look forward to seeing you at COA on November 19th and 20th.

Any questions, ideas or comments for your Department of Colorado VFW Auxiliary National Home for Children Chairmen can be e-mailed to raymond.moelder@gmail.com

Raymond Moelder
Department National Home for Children Chairman

Auxiliary Year – When Is It Due?

Each year there are members who have questions on how the auxiliary operates with regard to the calendar year. This can be very important to know especially if you are an annual member.

Let's start with the membership year. Annual memberships are good for a 12 month period from January 1 through December 31 each year. It doesn't matter what month you pay your dues they will expire on December 31 of the current year. In order for annual members to remain in good standing, the auxiliary begins to collect dues for the next year in July. Our hope is that all annual members will have paid their dues for the next year by January 1. This becomes especially important if you are an officer on any level of the organization. Your dues must have been paid by January 1 or you cannot remain an officer as all officers must be members in good standing. Even if you are not an officer, you must be a member in good standing to attend an Auxiliary meeting.

Another important date in the membership year is June 30. Any annual member who has not paid their dues for the current year by June 30 will automatically be dropped from the membership rolls. If this happens to you, you must re-apply for membership in your auxiliary. This means you must show your eligibility again and all of your continuous years of membership are gone along with your eligibility for a cancer grant for one year. This requirement is a change and is very strictly adhered to by the National organization. Once July 1 comes, dues for the current year are no longer accepted. It is really important that you pay your dues in enough time for your auxiliary treasurer to send them to the department for me to

process. If they do not reach me by the cut off there is nothing I can do to get your dues paid!

Now let's talk about Life members. Obviously, they only pay their life dues once and do not pay on an annual basis but if you are an annual member and want to convert to a life membership, the timing becomes important. As an example, if you have paid your annual dues and then decide to convert to a life membership, you will be paying for both fees in one year. There is no provision in our bylaws to give you credit for the annual dues you paid when paying your life dues. The ideal way to do this is to convert before you pay annual dues for the year.

What is the auxiliary fiscal year? The auxiliaries operate on a fiscal year which is July 1 through June 30. This fiscal year is the term of office for our elected and appointed officers and chairman. Our program reporting and financial records all correspond to the fiscal year. Please keep in mind that we do have cut off dates for reporting that are set to enable our chairman and officers to file reports in a timely manner for each year. All of our auxiliaries are responsible for filing a 990 tax return with the IRS. This is also based on the July 1 through June 30 time period for all levels.

While there are always deadlines within this calendar, I hope that this information has clarified some of the timing of our activities both in our programs and with membership. I will be glad to talk with anyone who has questions about this schedule.

Loyally,
Cindy Anderson
Department Treasurer

Have a Great Holiday Season